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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW ON THE WORK OF ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

Letter dated 21 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am pleased to transmit to you herewith the text of the Communiqué issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and heads of delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the occasion of the Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Methodology, held at Cartagena de Indias on 15 and 16 May 1996.

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I should be grateful if you have this letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the General Assembly under items 27, 46, 54, 55, 97 (g) and 151 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Julio LONDOÑO-PAREDES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

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Communiqué by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and heads of delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the occasion of the Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Methodology, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 15-16 May 1996

On the occasion of the Meeting of the Ministerial Committee, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and heads of delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries adopted the Cartagena Document on Methodology, which brings the structures and methods of work of the Movement up to date in view of the new international realities, with the objective of strengthening the Movement. They highlighted the significant role that the non-aligned countries have continued to play actively and effectively on the international scene since the last summit that took place in Cartagena de Indias, in October 1995.

The Ministerial Meeting reiterated its pledge to continue to explore ways and means of enhancing the role of the Movement and requested that a working group be established to that effect. The Ministerial Meeting reiterated the importance of coordinating the action of the non-aligned countries in all the organs of the United Nations, including the Security Council.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs and heads of delegation also acknowledged the leadership that the Movement has undertaken in the face of the most important and current issues on the agenda of the United Nations, where its vigour, its relevance and its important and indispensable role in the process of strengthening of the United Nations system have been evident, stressing also that where the Movement has acted in unison, significant results have been realized. They therefore called upon members of the Movement to redouble their efforts in this regard.

They emphasized that the world needs a new kind of cooperation on which an international order of greater justice and equity can be reached. Globalization and interdependence should not lead to intervention.

Furthermore, they rejected in the strongest terms the extraterritorial application of the laws of any country in order to evaluate or influence policies of other countries. They also rejected the use of coercive measures that have a tendency to restrict trade, in violation of international norms in force.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs and heads of delegation also expressed their confidence that the action requested of the Chairman of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, currently His Excellency Dr. Ernesto Samper Pizano, President of Colombia, of carrying out the important endeavour of conveying to the heads of State or Government of the Group of Seven that will meet in Lyons, France, the positions and concerns of the countries of the Movement on issues related to economic and social development, will be crowned with success.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs and heads of delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries reiterated their total and enthusiastic support to the actions being undertaken by President Ernesto Samper Pizano and by the Government of Colombia in their capacity as Chairman of the Movement, and they expressed to them and to the City of Cartagena de Indias their gratitude for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to them on the occasion of the Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Methodology.

Cartagena de Indias, 16 May 1996.